

## IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A system for searching for and presenting collections of conventional objects,  
2 comprising:  
3 a computerized system;  
4 a display unit controllable by said computerized system;  
5 a selection unit influencing what said computerized system depicts with said display unit;  
6 a meta-folder containing at least one search object for locating current instances of the  
7 conventional objects in said computerized system;  
8 wherein a closed representation of said meta-folder is depictable on said display unit, said  
9 closed representation being selectable and open able with said selection unit; and  
10 further wherein an open representation of said meta-folder is also depictable on said  
11 display unit, said open representation of said meta-folder including  
12 representations of said current instances of the conventional objects.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein said computerized system includes a network, a client  
2 device which is connectable to said network, and at least one server which is connected to said  
3 network, such that said client device may access instances of the conventional objects, said  
4 search objects, and said meta-folders which are stored on said at least one server.
- 1 3. The system of claim 2, wherein said network is a global communications network.
- 1 4. The system of claim 2, wherein said client device is a member of the set consisting of  
2 personal computers and enhanced devices.
- 1 5. The system of claim 2, wherein said search object is provided as a file and may be freely  
2 transferred and stored within said computer system.
- 1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein said display unit depicts using non-visual representations.

1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein said display unit depicts using at least one member of the  
2 set consisting of visual, audible, and tactile representations.

1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein said selection unit is a user operated input device.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein said selection unit is an automated process.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein said meta-folder further includes at least one member of  
2 the set consisting of conventional objects and other said meta-folders.

1 11. A method for searching for and presenting collections of conventional objects in a  
2 computerized system having a display unit and a selection unit, the method comprising the steps  
3 of:

- 4 (a) depicting a meta-folder with the display unit as a closed representation, wherein said  
5 meta-folder contains at least one previously defined search object;
- 6 (b) selecting and opening said meta-folder with the selection unit;
- 7 (c) resolving all said search objects in said meta folder into current instances of the  
8 conventional objects which are findable within the computerized system; and
- 9 (d) depicting said meta-folder with the display unit as an open representation which  
10 includes said current instances of the conventional objects which are thus found.

1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said meta-folder is provided as a file and the method  
2 further comprises transferring said file from a storage medium into the computerized system.

1 13. The method of claim 11, wherein:  
2 the computerized system includes a network, a client device which is connectable to said  
3 network, and a server which is connected to said network; and  
4 said meta-folder is stored on said server;  
5 and the method further comprises:  
6 connecting said client device to said server via said network; and  
7 accessing said meta-folder on said server via said network.

1 14. The method of claim 11, wherein  
2 said meta-folder is a parent meta-folder;  
3 said parent meta-folder further includes at least one member of the set consisting of  
4 conventional objects and other said meta-folders;  
5 step (c) includes resolving all said search objects in all said meta folders into current  
6 instances of the conventional objects which are findable in the computerized  
7 system; and  
8 step (d) includes depicting said open representation including said current instances of all  
9 the conventional objects which are thus found.

1 15. The method of claim 11, wherein said step (a) and said step (d) include depicting with the  
2 display unit using non-visual representations.

1 16. The method of claim 11, wherein said step (a) and said step (d) include depicting with the  
2 display unit using at least one member of the set consisting of visual, audible, and tactile  
3 representations.

1 17. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for searching for and  
2 presenting collections of conventional objects in a computer system having a display unit and a  
3 selection unit, comprising:

4 (a) a code segment that depicts a meta-folder with the display unit as a closed  
5 representation, wherein said meta-folder contains at least one previously defined  
6 search object;

7 (b) a code segment that selects and opens said meta-folder upon instruction from the  
8 selection unit;

9 (c) a code segment that resolves all said search objects in said meta folder into current  
10 instances of the conventional objects which are findable in the computerized  
11 system; and

12 (d) a code segment that depicts an open representation of said meta-folder with the  
13 display unit which includes said current instances of the conventional objects  
14 which are thus found.

1 18. The computer program of claim 17, wherein said meta-folder is provided as a file, and  
2 the computer program further comprising a code segment that transfers said file from a storage  
3 medium into the computerized system.

1 19. The computer program of claim 17, wherein:  
2 the computerized system may include a network, a client device which is connectable to  
3 said network, and a server which is connected to said network; and  
4 said meta-folder may be stored on said server; and  
5 the computer program further comprising:  
6 a code segment that connects said client device to said server via said network; and  
7 a code segment that accesses said meta-folder on said server via said network.

1 20. The computer program of claim 17, wherein said code segment (a) and said code segment  
2 (d) depict using non-visual representations with the display unit.

1 21. The computer program of claim 17, wherein said code segment (a) and said code segment  
2 (d) using at least one member of the set consisting of visual, audible, and tactile representations  
3 with the display unit.

1 22. The computer program of claim 17, wherein  
2 said meta-folder is a parent meta-folder;  
3 said parent meta-folder further includes at least one member of the set consisting of  
4 conventional objects and other said meta-folders;  
5 said code segment (c) resolves all said search objects in all said meta folders into current  
6 instances of the conventional objects which are findable in said computerized  
7 system; and  
8 said code segment (d) depicts an open representation of said parent meta-folder including  
9 said current instances of all the conventional objects which are thus found.